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(Attorney Docket No. 109878.126)

Application of: Ferrari, et al. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Serial No. 09/998,682 ) Group Art Unit: 2171  
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Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the publications were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US02/25527 not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material to patentability or that the listed documents are prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

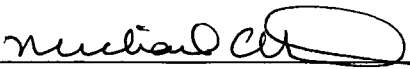
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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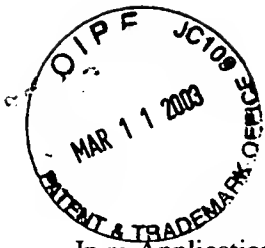
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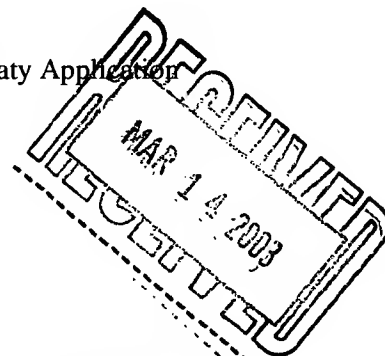
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. Fifth Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Copy of the International Search Report from Patent Cooperation Treaty Application  
Number PCT/US02/25527;
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
4. Reference as Cited (4);
5. Certificate of First Class Mailing, and;
6. Return Postcard.



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